

To: School Food Authorities

Subject: SFS-16-62 Manager Training Revision – Request for Comments and LA Cycle Menus Fit for Kids/Menus Collection Project

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Manager Training Revision – Request for Comment

The Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support and Pennington Biomedical Research Center would like to thank the volunteer supervisors, directors and staff members for their work in updating and revising the Manager Training documents. Their expertise, time and dedication helped spearhead the process of creating an updated training program.

Please help us to tailor the Manager Training Modules to the diverse needs of child nutrition personnel in Louisiana. We welcome your feedback and suggestions to the Manager Training Modules (Phase II and III). Phase I will be available soon. In an effort to make the revision smooth and transparent, please use our online system below when making your comments. If you choose to print some of the documents, please be advised as to the length of each section.

The 40-day comment period will provide the most insightful response to the Manager Training documents. Suggestions and comments will be used to develop a final version.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Manager Training Modules. Please e-mail louisianafitkids@pbrc.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Louisiana Cycle Menus Fit for Kids

Help us create a database of menus and recipes! We will collect menus and recipes throughout the month of March. (Your menus/recipes may be from any month.)

Make sure your district/agency/region is represented!

- Pennington Biomedical Research Center is helping the Louisiana Department of Education create a dynamic and innovative database of recipes and cycle menus.
- This on-line resource will help Louisiana Child Nutrition Programs meet state and USDA federal nutrition standards for school breakfast and lunch programs.
- We also hope to provide ideas and inspiration for nutrition leaders in our state.
- Our database is only as good as your menus and recipes.
- Once we receive your menus and recipes, an advisory committee of child nutrition leaders from across Louisiana will be formed. The committee will help to review and evaluate the menus and recipes based on ease of preparation, cost considerations, equipment, and taste acceptance.

We need your help! Here is what we would like you to do:

1. Go to your computer and locate your best week of menus and your top 10-20 recipes and/or food items. Please include the nutrition information. Consider: cost, taste, ease of preparation, procurement etc...
2. Think about:
 - a. Student's favorite
 - b. Regional favorite
 - c. Staff favorite
 - d. Best grab 'n go breakfast item
 - e. Most colorful
 - f. Easiest/Tastiest
 - g. Best heat and serve items
 - h. Best scratch cooking item
 - i. Recipe you'd like to revise
 - j. Other...
3. Send ALL the files (menus and recipes) to us using our drop box. Click this link:

<https://filetransfer.pbrc.edu/filedrop/~AcyQrD>

- You may attach multiple files at one time.
- Please make sure your district/parish is listed on the document and/or file name.
- If you would like to provide commentary about your menus or recipes please do so in the "message section" after clicking the link above.
- If you have photos of the prepared recipe or food item, you may attach them as well.

For additional information, contact louisianafitkids@pbrc.edu or call [225-763-2876](tel:225-763-2876).

Thank you!